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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 3187

DOD FOR DA AND DSAA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PE

SUBJECT: PERUVIAN ARMY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ARMORED PERSONNEL
CARRIERS (APC'S)

REF: CHMAAG PERU 231826Z APR 74

1. IN ADVISING MISSION OFFICERS OF PERUVIAN ARMY DESIRE PROCURE
280 ADDITIONAL APC'S, GENERAL MORALES BERMUDEZ REAFFIRMED GOP
POLICY STATEMENTS THAT PERU HAS NO REVANCHIST POLICIES OR
AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. HE SAID ARMY REQUIRED APC'S FOR
DEFENSIVE PURPOSES AND HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE
UNECONOMIC TO REPAIR ITS OLD AND OBSOLETE TROOP-CARRYING
TRUCKS AND COMPARABLE VEHICLES. PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE IS TO
PURCHASE NEW VEHICLES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE CONSTANT REPAIRS OR
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PRESENT PROBLEMS OF UNAVAILABLE SPARES.

2. AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS THAT MAGNITUDE OF REQUESTED INCREMENT IS RATHER LARGE BUT NOTES THAT APC'S DO NOT BY ANY DEFINITION CONSTITUTE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEM. WE ARE UNABLE TO GAUGE FROM LIMA WHETHER PERUVIAN REQUEST WILL CAUSE UNEASINESS AMONG NEIGHBORS AND PERHAPS TRIGGER SIMILAR REQUESTS BUT ANY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN BALANCED ARMS SALES BY US IN THIS PART OF HEMISPHERE IS ASPECT WHICH ONLY WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN DETERMINE.
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